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Docket No.: 2986-0125P

## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is a Request for filing a  $\square$  continuation  $\boxtimes$  divisional  $\square$  continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R.  $\S$  1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/939,837 filed on August 28, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Kouichi SASHIHARA

for

PAINTING EQUIPMENT AND PAINTING METHOD

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

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	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	7-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00	
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		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00	

3.	$\boxtimes$	A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.		Enclosed is/are $\underline{\text{eight}}$ (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
6a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/939,837 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.		The prior application is assigned to <u>Honda Giken Kogyo</u> <u>Kabushiki Kaisha</u> .
8.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.		Priority of Application No(s). 200-262477 filed in Japan on August 31, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on August 28, 2001.
9b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and

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		Application No. U.S.C. § 120 and/or	r §	filed i 119 are	n hereby	on reclaimed	under	35
10.	$\boxtimes$	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-144 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.						
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Application No.: Group:

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## LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231 August 28, 2001 2986-0115P

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

Country Application No. Filed

JAPAN 2000-262477 08/31/00

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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